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APPENDIX III.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 548 asked by Sri A. Vedarathnam at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 8th September 1960, on page 427 supra.]

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FOURTH HOUSING MINISTERS' CONFERENCE HELD AT HYDERABAD IN NOVEMBER 1959.

VILLAGE HOUSING PROJECTS SCHEME.

Quantum of loan.

The Conference recommends that the maximum amount of loan admissible under the Scheme should be Rs. 2,500 or 50 per cent of the estimated cost of the house, whichever is less.

Loans for improvement of houses.

The Conference recommends that the Village Housing Projects Scheme should be modified to provide grant of loan assistance for improvement of houses in the selected villages to such standards as may be specified by the State Government, provided that—

(*a*) no loan shall be granted for improvement of houses which are likely to be demolished on the basis of the layout drawn up for the village; and that

(*b*) not more than 15 per cent of the allocation made to the State Government under the Scheme shall be utilized for grant of loans for the improvement of houses.

Provision of roads and drains.

The Conference recommends that the Village Housing Projects Scheme be modified to enable the State Governments to utilize a part of their allocation under the Scheme for provision of roads and drains in the selected villages. Fifty per cent of the cost of provision of these two services should be borne by the Centre as an outright subsidy; the State Government and the Village Panchayats should meet the remaining 50 per cent of the cost from their own resources.

Subsidy for housing of landless agricultural labour.

Landless agricultural labour who do not get any housing aid from any other source, should be allowed a subsidy of at least 15 per cent of the cost of the house by the Government of India, in the alternative, they should be provided free of cost, with an open developed plot of land on which they can themselves put up a suitable hut. The Village Housing Projects Scheme should be modified accordingly. It should be stipulated, however, that the above concession will not be admissible to persons eligible for similar assistance under any other Government Scheme.

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Continuance of Research-cum-Training Centres.

The Conference recommends that the Research-*cum*-Training Centres already set up under the Village Housing Projects Scheme be continued during the Third Plan and that they should be strengthened adequately to enable them to continue work on rural housing relating to research, training and extension, on an appropriate scale.

Assistance for Rural Housing Cells.

In the case of States with larger rural populations the quantum of Central assistance for State Rural Housing Cells should be raised to Rs. 50,000, so that they can employ adequate staff to cope with the larger number of villages allotted to them.

Village in Tribal areas.

When selecting villages under the Scheme, State Governments should select an adequate number of villages in the Scheduled areas provided other conditions laid down in the Scheme are satisfied.

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